

### REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 19-22 and 25 are pending. All claims have been rejected. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection – Hood & Houle

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-16, 20-22 and 25 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,837,063 to Charles D. Hood, III ("Hood") in view of U.S. Application 2005/00068725 to Houle et al. ("Houle").

Applicants submit that, at the time the above claims and their corresponding dependent claims were conceived, both the claims and Houle were assigned or under an obligation to be assigned to Intel Corporation. As such, Houle cannot be used to maintain the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection.

Applicants submit that the 103(a) rejection has been overcome and that all claims presented are patentable over Hood in view of Houle.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection – Hood, Houle & Suzuki

Claims 12, 13 and 19 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hood in view of Houle and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,105,662 to Suzuki ("Suzuki").

Applicants submit that, at the time the above claims and their corresponding dependent claims were conceived, both the claims and Houle were assigned or under an obligation to be assigned to Intel Corporation. As such, Houle cannot be used to maintain the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection.

Applicants submit that the 103(a) rejection has been overcome and that all claims presented are patentable over Hood in view of Houle and in further view of Suzuki.

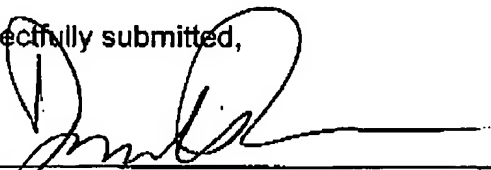
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (916) 377-3578.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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